



South Shore
Regional Centre for Education

December 2019

Monthly Report

December is the time of the year that many look forward to. Our schools will be hosting concerts, open houses and holiday celebrations over the next couple of weeks. Excitement, hope and cheer will fill our schools and offices.

So far, there have been no snow storm cancellations for the SSRCE. Families are encouraged to notify their school office of any changes to home contact information at any time during the school year, in order to continue to receive text and email alerts in case of school cancellations. For more information on the SSRCE storm day process, visit our website at

<https://ssrce.ca/storm-day-closure-process/>

The Province announced the Capital Projects for 2019. SSRCE will receive a new school bus garage that will be built at the existing Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal mechanical garage in Hebbville. This new garage will replace the existing school bus garage in Bridgewater. Liverpool Regional High School will receive two enhancements. The roof will be repaired to address water leaking in several areas of the building. A skilled trades facility will also be built to enhance learning opportunities and helping high school students make informed career pathway decisions.

As always, SSRCE staff continue to provide the supports and services that are so important to the overall success of our students. As we look forward to the New Year and the opportunities it brings, let's take time to reflect and remember who we are as a learning community. We are a diverse and vibrant community; home to many different cultures and heritages. This is what makes our community stronger and challenges us to do better, to ensure that each student is considered and understood.

I hope that all members of the SSRCE community have a joyful, restful and relaxing holiday.

Sincerely,

Paul Ash
Regional Executive Director
South Shore Regional Centre for Education



Hal Corkum, Supervisor of Property Services, congratulating Mike Ward, Custodian at BJHS, on 45 years of service! Congratulations Mike!

~ Thanks for all you do ~

Coming up this month

- December 2-5—Report Card Distribution (P-9)
- December 6—School-Based In-Service (P-12)
- December 11—Embedded CLT (90 minute early dismissal)
- December 20—Last day of school before holiday break
- January 6—First day back to school after holiday break

Schools Écoles Plus

Linda Jensen's selfless efforts dealing with the betterment of young people didn't go unnoticed as the respected volunteer and working professional was recently awarded a significant honour by the local YMCA.

Jensen recently received the peace medallion from the Lunenburg County YMCA during a special event at the YMCA's King Street youth centre in Bridgewater.

In a series of presentations, Jensen was honoured with "Peacemaker" certificate for her outstanding contributions and commitment to the charity's values of peace, a YMCA medal pin, along with the actual medallion.

During the ceremony, she was described as an "even mannered and honest individual whose daily interactions foster peace, friendship and belonging. She is continually looking for ways to make others feel valued and has an intrinsic desire to help others see the best in themselves and others."

The event took place during Peace Week, a time when YMCA's across Canada, including the local southwest Nova Scotia branch, celebrates people or organizations who, or that, demonstrate a commitment to building peace within their community or communities elsewhere in the world and doing so without special resources, status, wealth or position.

The YMCA noted her work with the Hebbleville volunteer fire department, including the junior members and her encouragement of them participate in a winter coat and clothing drive. She's also overseen youth missions to less-fortunate locations in the Caribbean.

"Linda makes people around her want to strive to be better," said Kim Roy, the local youth centre's manager, reading a citation. "She empowers others to look for possible ways to ease conflict and make positive choices."

Jensen works for the South Shore Regional Centre for Education and deals with a program focused on on student and family support services.

"Her passion for helping others does not go unnoticed," said the local YMCA's youth coordinator Kim Whitman-Mansfield.

For her part, Jensen, who accepted the accolades in front of family and fellow firefighters, said she felt honoured and surprised. She offered advice to the youth gathered for the presentation, telling them they can be leaders in some way no matter where they are in life. Jensen cautioned people try their best but for some it's harder to do than for others.

"When we're not getting along with each other it's usually not because someones trying to hurt you or out to get you, it's because there's been some kind of misunderstanding. So, it's really important to talk about things before you make assumptions about what people mean."

The local YMCA emphasizes projects and programs concerning childcare, health and fitness, volunteer development, among others.

To learn more about the local charity, check out ymcalunenburgcounty.org on the internet.



Compliments of LighthouseNOW



SchoolsPlus Outreach staff preparing to deliver mittens to schools. Over 300 pair of mittens were knit for students by the knitters at Bridgewater United Church, Anglican Churches in Bridgewater, Conquerall and Bridgewater Baptist Churches. Thank you for helping us meet the needs of students !

HOLIDAY EVENTS

School	Event	Date	Time
Aspotogan Consolidated School	Christmas Concert	Dec 17 Snow date Dec 18	12:30 pm
Bayview Community School	Christmas Concert	Dec 16 & 17 Snow date Dec 18	6:30 pm
Big Tancook Elementary School	Holiday Celebration	Dec 17 Snow date Dec 18	Dec 17-1:30 pm/Dec 18-11:00 am
Bluenose Academy	Christmas Concert	Dec 9 & 10 Band Dec 12	6:30 pm Dec 12 7:00 pm
Bridgewater Elementary School	Holiday Concert	Dec 5 Snow Date Dec 10	10:30 am & 1:15 pm
Bridgewater Junior High School	Sounds of the Season Concert	December 11	6:30 pm in the gym
Chester District School	Blizzard of Oz	December 17 & 18	12:30 pm & 6:30 pm
Dr. J. C. Wickwire Academy	Holiday Performances	December 12	9:30 am & 1:00 pm
Greenfield Elementary School	Christmas Concert	Dec 16 Snow Date Dec 17	1:00 pm & 6:30 pm
Hebbsville Academy	Band Concert Holiday Concert	Dec 11 band Dec 17 P-5	7:00 pm 9:30 am & 12:00 pm
Liverpool Regional High School	Christmas Concert	December 18	7:00 pm
Newcombville Elementary School	Holiday Concert	December 12	9:30 am & 12:30 pm
New Germany Elementary School	Winter Concert	Dec 18 Snow Date Dec 20	10:30 am & 1:00 pm
New Germany Rural High School	Band Concert	December 11	6:30 pm
New Ross Consolidated School	Concert	Dec 17 Snow date Dec 18	6:00 pm
North Queens Community School	Christmas Concert	December 10	6:30 pm
Park View Education Centre	Band Holiday Concert	December 10	7:00 pm in the cafeteria
Pentz Elementary School	Christmas Concert	December 10	12:45 pm & 6:30 pm
Petite Riviere Elementary School	Christmas Concert	Dec 17 Snow date Dec 18	12:30 pm & 6:00 pm
South Queens Middle School	Band Concert	December 10	6:30 pm
West Northfield Elementary School	Winter Concert	Dec 17 Snow Date Dec 19	12:00 pm & 6:30 pm
For more information, please contact your school			



OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Our schools often take their learning outside. Students are having an awesome time combining curriculum based learning, physical activity, and fresh air. #takemeoutside



News release

2019 School Capital Plan

[Education and Early Childhood Development](#)
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12 new projects over
the next five years



NOVASCOTIA

A new high school, renovations to make room for skilled trade centres and a new building for an adult high school, are some of the projects added to the province's school capital plan.

Under the plan there will be 12 projects in 11 communities over the next five years. The total investment for the new projects is estimated at \$85 million.

"New schools or major renovations are significant for our communities," said Zach Churchill, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development. "We can address enrolment pressures or needed repairs and introduce new program options for students. I'm pleased to say that five new skilled trade centres will be added to schools in communities across Nova Scotia."

The investment this year includes a new high school in Bedford Ravines, Bedford, which will be co-located with the previously announced pre-primary to Grade 8 school on Broad Street, and the purchase of Newbridge Academy in Dartmouth, announced on Sept. 30, for the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP). Government also remains committed to a CSAP school on the Halifax peninsula, which was announced in the 2018 plan.

Quotes:

"This is great news for our region. Our community is growing, with almost 1,500 more students in the last year alone. We are excited to see this new school in the fast-growing areas from Bedford Ravines to Clayton Park. Planning for new schools is tremendously exciting and we look forward to working with the province and community on this project."

– *Elwin LeRoux, regional executive director, Halifax Regional Centre for Education.*

Quick Facts:

- the five schools receiving skilled trades facilities are North Nova Education Centre, New Glasgow, Ecole Par-en-Bas, Tusket, Liverpool Regional High School, Liverpool, East Antigonish Education Centre/Academy, Antigonish, and Cape Breton Highlands Education Centre/Academy, Inverness
- a building will be purchased and renovated for the alternative high school at West Hants Education Centre, and the Windsor Adult High School. The schools currently share leased space in Windsor

Additional Resources:

For a list of the 12 projects visit: <https://www.ednet.ns.ca/capitalplan>



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